

# RE-ENTRY POLICY STUDY COMMISSION

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: CHRISTINE KERL

**Christine Kerl** was hired as Chief Probation Officer for the Marion Superior Court Probation Department in December 2012. Ms. Kerl was certified in the State of Indiana to serve as a probation officer in 1991. In 1992, she transitioned from welfare caseworker to probation officer. She was employed with the Miami Circuit/Superior Court located in Peru, Indiana prior to returning to her hometown of Indianapolis to work for the Marion Superior Court.

Since joining the department in 1996, Ms. Kerl has worked in a number of areas of the organization and in various positions within the agency including seven years as Supervisor of the Adult Division sex offender casework team. Her supervisory responsibilities have also included the court team, split supervision, intensive probation and general casework areas. As Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer from 2007 - 2012, Ms. Kerl was responsible for oversight of casework operations of the Adult Services Division and served as Assistant Director of the Marion Superior Court Alcohol and Drug Services (MSCADS) program.

Ms. Kerl received a BS degree from Ball State University in 1991 and is working toward completing her Master's degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology at Indiana State University. She was awarded her Court Substance Abuse Management Specialist (CSAMS) certification in December 2007 by the Indiana Judicial Center. In 2010, she was certified as a user to administer the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS).

Ms. Kerl holds memberships in the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE), Indiana Probation Officers Professional Association (POPAI) where she serves as Treasurer and the Midwest Regional Network for Intervention with Sex Offenders where she served as President from 2008-2012. She is former facilitator for the local sex crimes coalition and is a past member of the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: JERI WARNER

**Jeri Warner** is the Executive Director and Founder of Trusted Mentors, Inc. Ms. Warner was contracted in 2003 by the Coalition of Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) to start the Trusted Mentors program in support of the first Blueprint to End Homelessness. She wrote the Training Manual and supervised its updating in 2009 and again in 2011. She has developed and maintained Trusted Mentors since its beginning.

Ms Warner has managed mentoring relationships since 2003 and trained staff members in successful mentoring. Using resources provided by [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org), an expert in establishing mentoring programs, Trusted Mentors employs the best practices of mentoring, and adjusts them as needed for an adult population. She is trained in the dynamics of mentoring relationships and has gained experience through personal mentoring of three clients. Trusted Mentors expects that all staff members mentor in order to learn from personal expertise of maintaining a long term relationship.

She is also an experienced presenter on the dynamics of mentoring relationships at national conferences. She has presented workshops at the Christian Community Development Association National Conference, Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness National Conference and the AHA Processes Bridges Out of Poverty Conference.

Ms. Warner has also built up the Trusted Mentors Board as it transitioned from an Advisory Board at Immanuel United Church of Christ (UCC) to a fully functioning board with established committees. She was a participant in the strategic planning exercises led by Executive Service Corp in 2007. She has attended training sessions at Leadership Ventures and the Fund Raising School at IUPUI to enhance board leadership and fundraising skills.

Ms. Warner has written and managed grants from Indianapolis Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and the City of Indianapolis Crime Prevention Grant.

Ms. Warner has more than 15 years' experience in work with the urban poor. She served 10 years as Pastoral Associate at Sacred Heart Parish in Indianapolis, developing an outreach program in that urban community that was recognized as the best in the Archdiocese. She holds an MA in Theology from St. John's University in Minnesota and a BA from the University of Dallas.